

**TALKING POINTS**  
**SB 37 -- Home School and Extra Curricular Activities Amendments**

**Questions about SB 37 - Home School and Extra Curricular Activities Amendments:**

1. Utah High Schools Activities Association (UHSAA) currently has rules governing private school student participation in UHSAA sports. These rules have been working well for 20+ years w/14 private school members of UHSAA. Why is there a need to change them? (lines 122-130)
2. Is this once again, the state regulating private school involvement with a **private association**?
3. Lines 132+ are unclear. Could private school/home school student participate in music, drama, forensics at various schools other than their resident schools? If yes, does this give these students GREATER rights than traditional school students—who can only participate in the school they actually attend?
4. Line 145 says that homeschool students have no attendance requirements for participation. Why should BOTH private school and public school students have attendance requirements at a school program—but not home school students?
5. Lines 147+ Why is homeschool parent writing a note (notarized) saying “student is mastering material,” satisfactory for homeschool students but not for traditional school students? Most traditional school parents are also very involved in their children’s schools. The UHSAA believe there is a legal equal protection argument here.
6. Why not a level playing field for all students desiring to participate? All could demonstrate academic work—if not through grades or report cards, through portfolios and standardized tests (lines 155-156 provide good language).
7. The original bill only required students who were academically ineligible to return to traditional school programs and prove their eligibility. This seems to have been amended on line 141b, but line 152 still has the “academically ineligible” language. The DEMONSTRATION of renewed eligibility should also apply to students who become ineligible due to behavior.
8. Even in smaller communities where school administrators may be familiar with homeschooling families, THOSE LOCAL ADMINISTRATORS should be allowed to set local requirements, working with parents, for evaluating students’ eligibility.
9. Schools receive **no** WPU for homeschool students. How can public schools be compensated for the costs of home school participants in athletics? (The nominal participation fee that all students pay for athletics does not begin to cover the costs of transportation, coaches, facilities, uniforms, referees, etc.)